

PARCHMENT

The Most Beautiful Season of the Year

Autumn must be the result of an obsessed artist who, with a palette of unending colours and lavish strokes, paints the countryside in myriad hues and tints creating a canvas of vibrant beauty. The mere touch of his brush turns a field of grain to a sea of gold, a tree to a warmer brown, a leaf to vermillion. Here and there he graces the fields with golden rod, and everywhere we find displayed his vivid yellows and rich oranges on the many leaves fluttering toward the brown earth. As the day draws to a close, in a final rush of colour, he boldly paints a magnificent sunset sinking below the horizon where stands a scarlet maple, and as the night begins he spatters the dark sky with a host of brilliant stars and a golden harvest moon.

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Ave, Patria Magna (Hail, A Great Nation)

Canada, our birthplace, you're a nation to call a friend--
In peacetime or wartime, we will guard you to the end.
Many great battles you've witnessed; you've seen heartache, sorrow,
and pain,
But always from these troubled times you have risen to shine again!
Many a brave young soldier has emerged from within your sphere.
They all have fought, and many have died to protect this land they
hold dear:
Beautiful, bountiful wheat crops you've grown on your prairie land,
And you've watched each tiny kernel turned to gold by the Maker's
hand.
Sweet green pastures God took from heaven, His personal storage
place,
And arranged them here in Ontario to add to your beauty and grace.
To the north of these carpets rise the towering Northern pine,
Silhouetting clear blue skies, so delicate, pure, and fine!
He planned and developed your oceans, and every river and stream;
They hold salmon, haddock, and trout to fulfill a fisherman's dream.
Many a different person, from many a far away place,
Has come to live in Canada, as part of your great race!
You've been truly blessed, O Canada,--blessed by our Father above.
And we, your people, have ever been blessed to live in Your land
of love!

Mary English and Judy Turner

MEDISCOPE '59

In the Queen Elizabeth Building at the Exhibition Park in Toronto, the Ontario Medical Association presented Mediscope for the first time in Canada. The long, but enjoyable trip there was broken only by necessary stops which were climaxed by frantic nose-counting.

Upon entering the exhibition building, we were divided into groups, each one led by a volunteer guide who directed us to the various displays. There were forty-nine interesting exhibits which consisted of pictures, models, authentic specimens or films, and each display was fully explained. Long panels portrayed sports accidents, skin diseases, the advancement in medicine during the last one hundred years, medical photography, x-ray diagnosis and treatment, and dental care. A model operating-room was set up with life size figures. In the section concerning the brain and nervous system, we learned how epileptic seizures are recorded. A circular booth showed the contrasts between the old beliefs and the new treatments of mental illnesses. We saw a pathology laboratory in action as we peered into microscopes, learned how the blood count is taken, and viewed an actual tumor. After waiting in line for an hour, we were given an explanation of the birth of a baby, that was portrayed by means of plastic models. This was followed by infant and child care, and home accident prevention.

Several hours after the tour had begun, with tired feet and arms filled with bulletins, we were led into a huge auditorium where we collapsed in the comfortable seats to see the highlights of Mediscope--the transparent talking woman. As each part of her body was illuminated, she explained its location and function.

Although a few stragglers were almost left at the White-Horse Inn with empty pocketbooks, Mediscope proved to be a great success. It enlightened the public on how they can prevent disease, showed how modern knowledge is reducing the ill effects of injury and disease, and erased many false ideas from the minds of people. Finally, it aided students in the selection of future careers in medicine and its related fields.

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